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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to Examination, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph: -- [This application is the

U.S. national stage application of International application Serial No. PCT/GB96/02405, filed September 30, 1996, which claimed priority from Great Britain patent application Serial No. 9519776.0, filed September 28, 1995, and claims the benefit of the filing dates thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 3-9, 11, 12 and 15-21 (according to the Annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER)) as follows:

3. (Once amended) The method of claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the growth factor is stem cell factor (SCF) or FLT3 ligand.

4. (Once amended) The method of claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 3] wherein the cell line or retroviral particles display multiple growth factors.